GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:557
ANSWERED ON:12.04.2017
Non-Fare Revenue
Joshi Shri Chandra Prakash

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has initiated a plan to dispose of garbage generated at stations to improve non-fare revenue and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the steps taken by the Railways to utilise ample quantity of waste for generation of electricity;
(c) whether the revenue generated by auction of ferrous and non-ferrous scrap materials has gone down despite increase in the quantity of scrap; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve the revenue from auction of scrap materials?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 557 BY SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.04.2017 REGARDING NON-FARE REVENUE
(a) & (b) No, Madam. Generation of revenue is not the intention or basic purpose of any plan initiated by Railway for disposal of garbage or waste. Garbage is collected and disposed off to the places nominated by local bodies like Municipal Corporation / Nagarpalika. Final disposal of garbage is done by local bodies like Municipal Corporation / Nagarpalika.

Railways have also proposed a pilot project for disposal of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) being generated at major railway terminals in an environment friendly manner, including segregation of waste and conversion of bio-degradable waste to energy (bio-methanation). Bio-gas generated in the above mentioned bio-methanation process may be utilised for generation of electricity or it may be used directly as fuel.

Environment friendly disposal of waste is the basic purpose and not the generation of revenue.

(c) No, Madam. Both the quantity of scrap (ferrous & non-ferrous scrap) and the total revenue generated from sale of scrap has reduced during 2016-17 as compared to 2015-16, which is shown as under:-

Year	Quantity of ferrous and non-ferrous scrap sold (in MT)	Total revenue from sale of scrap (in `)
2015-16	13,62,067	2801 crore
2016-17	11,83,986	2718 crore

(d) Does not arise.

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